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Applicant(s): Groz

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Expected Return and Maximum Payout in a Game  
of One or More Players

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Examiner:

Mathew Hoel

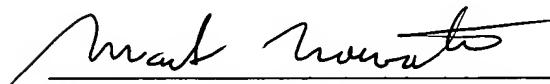
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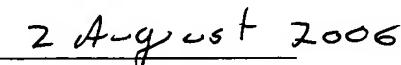
Substitute Abstract

Dear Examiner Hoel,

Please delete the current Abstract in the above referenced application and insert the following substitute Abstract.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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Mark Nowotarski – Agent for Applicant

  
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Date

### Substitute Abstract

A method for increasing the expected return of a game, such as a lottery, comprises selling tokens that have a residual value. The price of the tokens is divided between a prize pool and an investment fund. The game is played and the prizes are awarded from the prize pool. Assets are purchased with the investment fund such that the overall expected return of the game over a given period of time is positive. A commitment is made to provide the cash value of the assets to the owners of the tokens at the end of the period of time.